

an engine;

a starting clutch providing a first torque transmitting route between an engine and an input shaft;

plural gear trains providing a second torque transmitting route between said input shaft and an output shaft;

plural dog clutches for changing over said first and second torque transmitting routes by selectively engaging/releasing, respectively, said plural gear trains;

a second clutch provided on said plural gear trains, further providing said first and second torque transmitting routes and for further adjusting a transmitting torque according to a pressing force;

a rotary electric unit to transmit a torque to said input shaft; and

means for controlling said engine, said starting clutch, said plural dog clutches, said second clutch, and said electric rotary unit; wherein, with the automobile stopped, said dog clutch is in a neutral state, a power generation is carried out in said rotary electric unit by engaging said starting clutch; and

with the automobile in a start mode, said second clutch transmits at least one torque of said engine or said rotary electric unit to said output shaft, and thereafter a predetermined dog clutch is engages to start the automobile.

REMARKS

The above amendment presents a new set of claims. Favorable action is now requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207/48836D1).

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